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1. IF PUBLICATION OF THE CHAPTER ON PORTUGAL CANNOT BE DELAYED UNTIL THE SITUATION BECOMES CLEARER (THIS COULD BE WEEKS) WE SUGGEST THAT ALL OF PARA 2 OF REF (B) AND "RECENT DEVELOPMENTS" PORTION OF PARA 1 BE SCRAPPED AND THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED:

" FOLLOWING A REVOLUTION ON APRIL 25, 1974, A NEW REGIME TOOK POWER IN PORTUGAL AND ESTABLISHED A PROVISIONAL POLITICAL STRUCTURE TO SERVE THE COUNTRY UNTIL THE HOLDING OF ELECTIONS IN THE SPRING OF 1975. AS OF MID-JULY 1974 THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT HAD NOT FULLY DEFINED ITS ECONOMIC POLICIES OR COMPLETED LEGISLATION DEALING WITH THE COUNTRY'S MAJOR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. WHILE THERE IS NO REASON AT THIS TIME TO BELIEVE THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT WILL NOT CONTINUE TO BE WELCOME IN PORTUGAL, THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE WILL INEVITABLY BE SHAPED TO SOME EXTENT BY THE LAWS AND POLICIES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF FORMULATING".

2. COMMENT: INCLUSION OF THE ABOVE PASSAGE IN THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE COMPENDIUM WOULD, WITHOUT GIVING OFFENSE TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOP, ALERT PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS AND OTHERS TO THE FACT

THAT THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN PORTUGAL MAY BE CHANGING.
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